



## Alvin "Punkin" Curtis Ryan

December 28, 1948 - September 27, 2024

Alvin "Punkin" Curtis Ryan, age 75, passed away on September 27, 2024. He was born and raised in Ponchatoula where he graduated from Ponchatoula High School and was named Mr. PHS in 1967. Following his graduation, he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps and fought overseas in Vietnam. In his two years he received a medal for Nation Defense Service, the Vietnamese Service medal; and the Combat Action ribbon. During his service he was also recognized for his athleticism in football. Alvin dedicated 31 years to his career at Dupont as a shift mechanic, and over 40 years as a commercial fisherman. He was an avid fisherman and hunter. He was a great sports fan and enjoyed not only attending games, but also playing and coaching. One of his greatest joys in life was his family, and he particularly enjoyed spending time with his granddaughter Kali Ray. Alvin was a loving husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother, and so much more. He will be greatly missed by all those that dearly loved him.

He is survived by his loving wife of 50 years, Nancy Steib Ryan; sons, Chad Ryan (Jennifer), Russ Ryan (Rechell), and Kyle Ryan (Kayla); grandchildren, Hannah (Brennan), Cooper, Olivia, Cody (Cassidy), Ashley (Brandon), Kamryn, and Kali Ray; great-grandchildren, Kaiden, Aiden, and Lucas; sister-in-laws, Patti Steib and Debbie Schanzbach (Michael); brother-in-laws, Craig Steib Sr. (Renee), Brian Steib (Cindy), and Marc Steib (Billy); and numerous nieces and nephews.

He is preceded by his parents, James “Billy” and Eva “Frosty” Ryan; brothers, Charles “Dago” Kraft, John “Red” Jacob Kraft Jr., and James “Slippery” Ryan; sister, Veronica “Chicken” Souza; brother-in-law, Ron Steib; sister-in-law, Wanda Steib Castell; and father-in-law and mother-in-law, Godfrey and Joy Steib.

A special thanks to Dr. Mena and his staff, North Oaks Surgery and staff, and SICU and their staff for their tireless efforts, compassion, and care.

Donations can be made to a veteran organization of your choosing.

Relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend a visitation from the chapel of Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home, 1190 Hwy. 51 North Ponchatoula, LA 70454, on Saturday, October 5, 2024, from 9:00 a.m. until the Memorial Service at 11:00 a.m. Interment will follow at Ponchatoula Cemetery.

Condolences and other information may be found at [www.thompsoncares.com](http://www.thompsoncares.com). Arrangements have been entrusted to Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home.

# Cemetery Details

## Ponchatoula Cemetery

Hwy 22  
Ponchatoula, LA 70454

# Previous Events

## Memorial Visitation

OCT 5. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home - Ponchatoula  
1190 Highway 51 North  
Ponchatoula, LA 70454

## Memorial Service

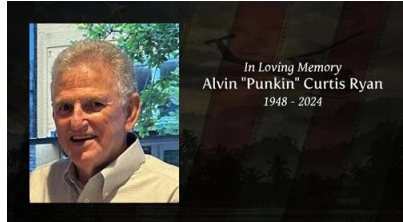
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Alvin "Punkin" Curtis Ryan*



Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home - October 01, 2024 at 01:08 PM

JB

“ *I remember when I was about 13 years old, I worked on their crab boat that my dad was purchasing from him. We worked all day picking up crab pots. At the end of the day my Dad tried convincing Punkin to pay me a smaller amount of money since I was young. But Punkin refused and told my dad that I deserved to be paid like the rest of the deckhands, instantly doubling what my dad had wanted him to pay. My dad didn't like it near as much as I did but it was a turning point in my life that I will never forget. He was great man who will be missed by all that knew him.*



Jake Brewster - October 05, 2024 at 12:35 PM

JP

“ *We have so many wonderful memories and good times we shared with Punkin and Nancy. He was one of the finest men that we were honored to call our friend. We will miss him deeply* 💔

*Janet and Chris Piediscalzo*

Janet Piediscalzo - October 04, 2024 at 07:54 PM

WC

“ Punkin and I played baseball together for a number of years in Ponchatoula along with his brother Slippery, friend Tommy Ragan, Roger Gill. He was a great athlete and I always considered him a friend. I am sorry to hear of his passing.

William Chaucer - October 03, 2024 at 07:41 PM

JF

“ Joey and Michele Berthelot and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Alvin "Punkin" Curtis Ryan.

Joey and Michele Berthelot and Family - October 03, 2024 at 06:36 PM

JF

“ Joey and Michele Berthelot and Family purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Alvin "Punkin" Curtis Ryan.



Joey and Michele Berthelot and Family - October 03, 2024 at 06:36 PM

RO

“ RoxAnnBear purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Alvin "Punkin" Curtis Ryan.



RoxAnnBear - October 03, 2024 at 09:54 AM

CR

“ Our thoughts and prayers go out to all the Ryan family.



Charles and Jeanette Richard - October 02, 2024 at 10:13 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Alvin "Punkin" Curtis Ryan.



October 02, 2024 at 09:59 AM

RO

“ I worked with Punkin at DuPont and one weekend we went shrimping in Cocodrie and stayed at my Father-in-law's camp. We worked hard and caught several ice chests of shrimp. The shrimp were mixed in size but all went pretty well. Punkin reminded me of my younger brother who was in Vietnam and a Marine as well. I send my sincere condolences to the entire Ryan family.



Richard (Dick) Ory - October 01, 2024 at 08:08 AM

EA

“ As A Transfer From A Small Country School To The Freshman Class At PHS We Were Lost In The Masses. My First Impression Of “Punkin” Was That He Was Going Places In A Hurry. He Was Always Gentlemanly And Courteous. I’ve Enjoyed Reconnecting With Him Over The Past Few Years, Still A Gentleman And Valued Friend. Everyone Who Knew Him Loved Him.... He Will Have Left An Empty Place In Our Hearts And Lives, But A Wonderful Memory Forever....



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**Eddy Arnold** - September 30, 2024 at 09:25 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Alvin “Punkin” Curtis Ryan.



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September 30, 2024 at 04:45 PM